

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method in a computing device of rendering portions of a television program, the method comprising:

receiving meta data corresponding to the television program, wherein the meta data identifies portions within the television program having certain characteristics and having been provided by first viewers of the television program, the meta data being organized into sets of meta data for the television program; and

for each of a plurality of second viewers,

selecting a set of meta data that the second viewer is entitled to access, the second viewer not entitled to access all sets of meta data;

receiving from the second viewer input search criteria relating to characteristics of the television program;

searching by the computing device the received meta data provided by the first viewers of the selected set of meta data to locate meta data that satisfies the input search criteria;

selecting portions of the television program that are identified by located meta data; and

rendering to the second viewer the selected portions of the television program

so that each second viewer can view different portions of the television program based on their input search criteria and the selected set of meta data provided by a first viewer of the television program that the second viewer is entitled to access.

17. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 16, wherein the selecting comprises locating a next occurrence of user input search criteria in the meta data and determining a location of the television program corresponding to the next occurrence in the meta data, and wherein the rendering comprises beginning playback of the television program at the determined location.

18. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 16, wherein the selecting comprises locating a plurality of occurrences of user input search criteria in the meta data and determining a plurality of portions of the television program corresponding to the occurrences, and wherein the rendering comprises rendering the plurality of portions.

19-75. (Canceled)

76. (New) A computer-readable storage device containing computer-executable instructions for controlling a computing device to render portions of a video, by a method comprising:

receiving meta data corresponding to the video, wherein the meta data identifies portions within the video having certain characteristics and having been provided by first viewers of the video, the meta data being organized into sets of meta data for the video; and

for each of a plurality of second viewers,

selecting a set of meta data that the second viewer is entitled to access, the second viewer not entitled to access all sets of meta data;

receiving from the second viewer input search criteria relating to characteristics of the video;

searching by the computing device the received meta data provided by the first viewers of the selected set of meta data to locate meta data that satisfies the input search criteria;

selecting portions of the video that are identified by located meta data; and rendering to the second viewer the selected portions of the video.

77. (New) The computer-readable storage device of claim 76, wherein the selecting comprises locating a next occurrence of user input search criteria in the meta data and determining a location of the television program corresponding to the next occurrence in the meta data, and wherein the rendering comprises beginning playback of the television program at the determined location.

78. (New) The computer-readable storage device of claim 76, wherein the selecting comprises locating a plurality of occurrences of user input search criteria in the meta data and determining a plurality of portions of the television program corresponding to the occurrences, and wherein the rendering comprises rendering the plurality of portions.